

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

**Holy Communion
All Saints' Day**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 1, 2020
8:30 a.m. Indoor Service**

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Requiem Aeternam
Grant them eternal rest, O lord

Gerald Near

In Paradisium
May the Angels lead you into Paradise

Gerald Near

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God.

(Those who are able may stand.)

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in God.

With hearts and hands and voices, let us praise the Lord.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us. Amen.**



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident of God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ,
we are invited to approach boldly the throne of grace.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us come to confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.**

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

**You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.**

**You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.**

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way.

**that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

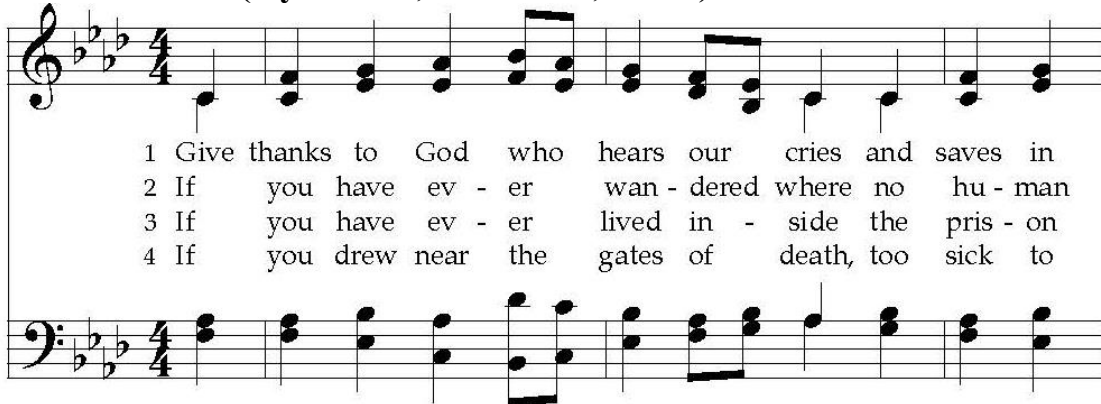
Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Revelation 7:9-17

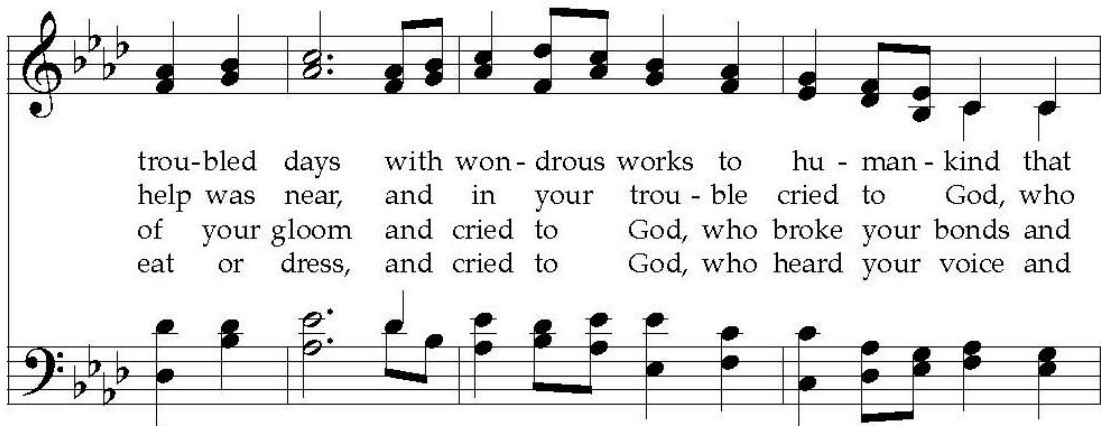
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 107 (Hymn 653, verses 1-4, and 6)


MORNING SONG



1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in
2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man
3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on
4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to



trou-bled days with won-drous works to hu - man - kind that
help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who
of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and
eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and



call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's
res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of
raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who
healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of

sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail
 before a violent sea
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,
 and made the wild wind flee,
 then in the congregation praise
 the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,
 whose kindness is well-known.
 Consider well the healing hand
 and help you have been shown,
 and tell the world what God has done.
 Praise God and God alone!

1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SERMON

“It gets better!”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Deep River

Spiritual/arr. Russell Robinson

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land, where all is peace?

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. —
 — God of pow - er and might. — Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
 — in the high - est! — Bles - sed is he who comes, he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est! —

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and living.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, ... we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

ALL:
 [organ] A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

For those in attendance at WPC, individually packaged communion elements were distributed at the entrance to the worship service. For those worshipping at home, gather communion elements of bread and wine, such as crackers, tortillas, pita bread, or bagels; and juice, water, or soda — all are fine. Set out worshipful elements such as a white cloth, cross, candle, and Bible. If you are gathered with others, please serve one another communion, offering the elements with words such as, “This is the bread of life” and “This is the cup of salvation.” If you are alone, know that others are sharing this meal with you, and that we are all part of the body of Christ whether we receive in solitude or with others.

Music during Communion

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.
Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.
grant them rest everlasting.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671 J.S. Bach
*God holy Ghost, comfort and strengthen us in our belief
so that we can in the end leave this suffering with joy.*

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers on the table in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Boynton
by their daughter, Mrs. Paul Jackson Viall, Jr. and family.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Liturgist: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

MUSICIANS: Emily Harrison and Ally Hard, soloists; Chamber Choir; John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

COMMUNION: The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices “open Communion” without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Westminster celebrates the “Eucharist,” meaning “thanksgiving,” on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

PLEASE TAKE BULLETINS WITH YOU AND DEPOSIT USED COMMUNION CUPS IN THE RECEPTACLE AS YOU LEAVE.

ALL SAINTS’ DAY occurs on November 1st each year and is part of our worship at Westminster. As we gather at Christ’s table today, we will be remembering all those whom we have loved who are now among the Communion of Saints. The list on pages 10 and 11 is comprised of Westminster members who have joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses since All Saints’ Day 2019, along with spouses of members and others (related to members) for whom a Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at Westminster. During the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, the names of these people will be uplifted, and there will be time for us all to lift up aloud (or in silence) the names of those who are among the Communion of Saints who are upon our hearts as well this All Saints’ Day.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Sarah Lea Thomas	November 15, 2019
Thomas F. Corcoran	November 19, 2019
Linda Wellenhoffer Crawford	December 6, 2019
Helen Ann Hooper Ward	December 17, 2019
Donald Calvin Page	December 28, 2019
Helen M. Yates	February 3, 2020
Thomas Pegram Graham	March 18, 2020
Thomas Anderton Wiseman, Jr.	March 18, 2020
Patricia Ann Maxwell Burton	March 19, 2020
E. Allen Morgan	March 19, 2020
Hans Reiner Stoll	March 20, 2020
Russell Aaron Alger Oldfield, Jr.	March 30, 2020
Richard Vann	April 16, 2020
Frederick Smith Crown, Jr.	April 29, 2020
Robert L. Baldwin, Sr.	May 8, 2020
James Raymond Long	June 1, 2020
Emily Matlack Wiseman	July 3, 2020
Karin Adams Stewart	July 6, 2020
Betty Shepherd Lamar	July 28, 2020
Edgar Watterson Branyon, Jr.	September 5, 2020
James Colston Elder, Sr.	September 16, 2020
Martha Lee Smith Penuel	September 20, 2020
William Henry Woerner	October 5, 2020
Joyce Walne Warner	October 7, 2020
Richard Byron Penuel	October 17, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Update:

- Westminster has had no new cases on staff of Covid-19 infections.
- The Church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and closed on Friday. Meetings with Staff are by appointment only. Please call 615.292.5526 to schedule as we are limiting the number of people in the office.
- Outside and indoor space is available to reserve for church-related events for small groups of 25 or less. For more information please contact Sherri Givens in the Church office at 615-292-5526 or receptionist@nashvillewpc.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: We are pursuing as many ways as possible to make certain that Westminster is reaching out in multiple ways to all of those in our congregation. For Sunday, November 1, 2020 the worship service at 8:30 a.m. will be open again to in-person attendees by reservation only. As well, we will have our 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship service. Please see the Friday e-blast *Connection* to reserve your seat at either service.

We will continue streaming our weekly online services at 8:30 am on Sundays and at 11:45 am on Wednesdays. We hope those who cannot join us in person will continue joining us [ONLINE](#) on those days.

WELCOME: Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Melissa Threatt (864.506.0267; melissa.threatt@gmail.com) or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).

“PILGRIM’S PROGRESS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC: FROM COPING TO ADAPTING TO TRANSFORMING” On Sunday, November 1, 9:45 a.m., **this series continues with:** “COVID-19: What we didn’t know, what we have learned, what we still need to know – and what does faith have to do with it?”

Speaker: Dr. Mark Denison is a leading world-renowned researcher of coronaviruses at Vanderbilt, whose lab also conducted trials on the drug Remdesivir. He is a professor of pediatrics, and director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease, as well as a Presbyterian elder and member of Second Presbyterian Church.” If you are interested in participating in the class, [click here](#), or contact Hannah Sims, hsims@nashvillewpc.org.

Meeting ID: 871 1797 1143

Passcode: 798020

All Saints' Sunday

Afternoon Service • 1:30 pm

West Columbarium

In addition to morning worship, an afternoon ritual of remembering all whom we have loved and lost will be held outdoors in the Columbarium. Masks and physical distancing safety protocols will be observed. This time will include scripture and prayer, a liturgy of remembrance, communion, and the lifting up of the names of those on our hearts to the tolling of a bell. For more information, please contact Heidi Hudnut-Beumler (hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org; 615-481-0666).

To make reservations for this service, please [click here](#).

WPC MONTHLY FINANCIAL OPERATING SUMMARY: Each month the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses. If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact: Jo Ann McFarlin, jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615-292-5526; Mike Koban, Finance Committee Chair at mkoban@prodigy.net; or Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer at suzannegm58@gmail.com.

September 30, 2020

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$186,006	\$2,571,125
Expense:	<u>\$214,744</u>	<u>\$2,093,006</u>
Net Income (loss):	<u>\$(28,738)</u>	<u>\$ 478,119</u>

HE HIMSELF IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. *Colossians 1:17* In this time of uncertainty and fear, we continue to share the word of God to bring you strength and hope, and to keep us all connected. Your pledge payments and donations are instrumental in sustaining our ability to move forward with all the ministries of WPC. **To make a general donation or your pledge payment, please click here <https://bit.ly/3dcoSzD>** for all options, or scan the QR code to take you directly to the Donations/Payments webpage.



To make your 2021 Generosity Pledge, click here <https://bit.ly/2GUERXm> or scan the QR code below to take you directly to the 2021 Pledge webpage. We hope you will continue your support.



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Purpose Statement

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 *Corinthians 4:6-7*)

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